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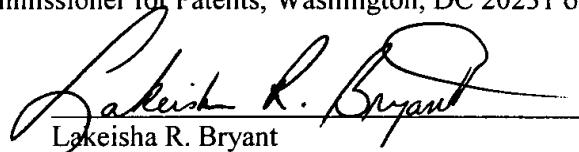
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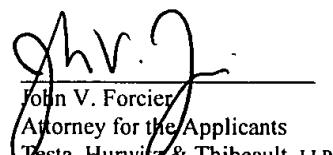
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to a pending Office action, Paper No. 7, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version of the amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0062 on page 21, to read as follows:

Fig. 29B illustrates a medical device 368 that has a cross-shaped compound slit valve 372. Fig. 29C illustrates a medical device 368 that has a T-shaped compound slit valve 372. Fig. 29D illustrates a medical device 368 that has a double T-shaped compound slit valve 372. The compound slit valve 372 can be oriented in any direction on the catheter 370, and can be